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LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

## Budget Crisis Hits Valley at All Levels

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Current budget cuts have crippled Valley College's spring schedule and proposed cuts promise to devastate Valley along with other community colleges throughout the state. The proposed cutbacks will more than double tuition, officials say, and will affect everything in the classroom from class sizes to basic school supplies. In a series of upcoming issues The Valley Star will report the different aspects of the proposed cuts and what they mean to Valley students.

One of the changes is the

governor's proposal to raise tuition from \$11 per unit to \$24. For many students, the current tuition is the reason they attend Valley.

"There are discussions about the state raising the tuition," Vice President of Administrative Services Tom Jacobsmeyer said. "The state's legislation wants to raise tuition for all community colleges."

According to Jacobsmeyer, the proposed tuition increase could take effect throughout the state and within the UC and CSU systems. Legislators are debating whether to raise tuition, but they won't be able to make a decision without hearing from students and faculty. The Associated Student Union will host a town

hall meeting Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall, and students will be able to participate in a district-wide rally March 28 in Pershing Square.

"It's unfair because the increase is 118 percent compared to UCs and CSUs, which are getting no more than a 20 percent increase," student Alvaro Vasquez said. "That affects my budget. I have other expenses I have to deal with and an increase like this could slow down my goals." Vasquez said he intends to graduate next year.

The cuts to the spring and summer class schedules are another major hit to students. This semester, Valley cut about 250 classes, 12 percent of the See 'BUDGET' on page 4



BY TAMMY ABBOTT / VALLEY STAR

ASU MEETING-Approving ASU event budget was part of the first ASU meeting of the semester.

## Anti-War Clouds Gathering

BY JACQUI BROWN, JACKIE CONLEY, BEN JAURON, AND RYAN YUDELL  
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From Antarctica to Iceland and from Piccadilly Circus to Hollywood Boulevard, millions worldwide have voiced their opposition to President George W. Bush's proposed unilateral military strike on Iraq. Along with the persistent protests, many cities across the country have passed anti-war resolutions to go on record saying that their constituency disapproves of the president's policy. Los Angeles joined Chicago, Detroit, Seattle and others Friday.

"America can't treat people like ants and stamp them out," war-opposed Los Angeles City Council member Nate Holden, said. "Americans, however, must understand that they have a patri-

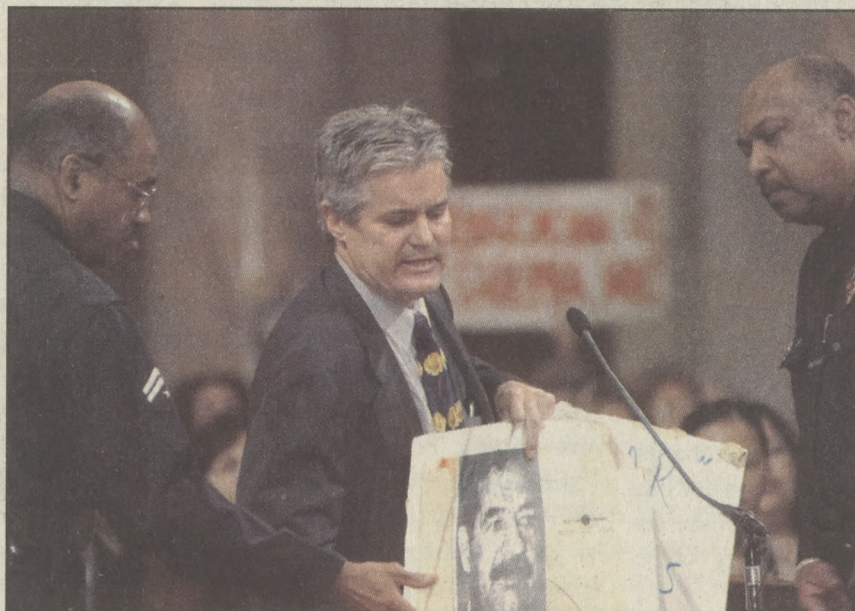
otic duty to defend the United States. I've served my country, I'm not a coward and I'd do it again, but only if we are joined by the likes of France, England, Germany and Russia. If they say this is a legitimate war and would be willing to join us in the effort, then I say let's do it."

Under a somber winter sky, thousands of anti-war protesters including entertainment luminaries took to Hollywood streets on

Feb. 15 to protest the looming war.

"It's time to do our patriotic duty and say no to war and yes to peace," actor Martin Sheen said at the protest. "If you have a great anxiety and fear, vis-à-vis the war with Iraq, then get together with your fellow students. Inquire about what you can do. You have a great voice. Young people have the largest voice in the nation."

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BY TAMMY ABBOTT / VALLEY STAR

OUT OF ORDER - Bob Zirgulis, the president of the International Human Rights Watch is escorted out of the Los Angeles City Council Chambers on Feb. 21, during the vote on the anti-war resolution.

## Valley Sheriffs Make 'Biggest Arrest' Ever

BY RYAN YUDELL  
STAFF WRITER

Valley College campus security arrested two men for possession of seven bags of crystal methamphetamine Feb. 11. Head of campus security Deputy Randy Tuinstra said a bust involving this type of substance was not common at Valley.

"This is probably the biggest arrest since the sheriff's department has been here on campus," Tuinstra said. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department replaced the old campus police January 2001.

The arrest was the result of a call to the sheriff's station reporting two suspicious men driving around parking lot E in a pickup truck without plates.

The two men were in a truck parked backwards in a metered spot on the south side of lot E. They exited the car and began to walk away when Tuinstra arrived at the scene. The deputy questioned the two men who claimed to be waiting for the dri-

ver's girlfriend to get out of school, according to the report.

Tuinstra noticed that both spoke rapidly, were fidgety and sweating despite the cool weather. Their pupils were also dilated. Tuinstra arrested them for being under the influence of a stimulant based on these observations.

Officers inspected the vehicle and discovered stolen checkbooks and credit cards. Officers later found seven zip-loc bags containing crystal methamphetamine, a syringe and a pill holder.

Officers took the men back to Valley's sheriff bungalow, where they discovered the driver had a felony record. According to Tuinstra, the driver mentioned this was his third strike and began to panic and show signs of drug withdrawal.

The suspects were both charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and receiving stolen property. Authorities booked the passenger at the Lost Hills Sheriff's station and the driver at the Los Angeles County Medical Center jail ward.

## Coalition Challenges the Faculty Guild

BY BEN JAURON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Angelinos will go to the polls Tuesday to elect members of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. The Faculty Guild union controls all but one of the board's seats, and their top challengers are from the Community College Coalition, a loosely-aligned group self-defined as "non special interest," who disapprove the board's handling of state budget cuts to the district, among other things.

"We have a great team," board member Georgia Mercer said. "We work well together and we each bring something different to the table. This is no time for on-the-job training," she added in reference to the budget crisis.

The coalition disagrees. Among the issues on their platform is that the guild has too much power and there is no voice for dissent.

"I'm not trying to knock the union, but it controls six of the seven board seats and that's too much power in the hands of one group," coalition member and candidate Wilma Bennett said. "For an entity that controls billions of dollars, somebody from a real board of directors from a billion-dollar entity would be disgusted at how poorly they oversee the district's finances."

Four seats of the seven-member board are at stake, including the one of president Warren Furutani. All the incumbents are four-year veterans on the board and making their first bid for

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## Furloughs Threaten Valley College Administrators

BY KRISTA CARLSON  
STAFF WRITER

Valley College administrators face suspension without pay, or 'furloughs,' for up to three weeks next semester as a measure to alleviate the state's budget crisis crippling community colleges. Other district leaders — including Chancellor Marshall Drummond — may also suffer the same fate.

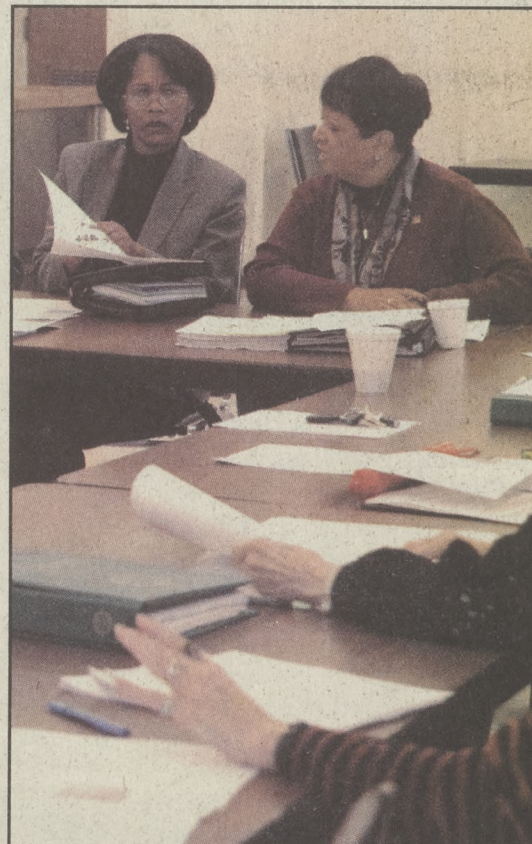
"I'd rather have everyone participate in the furloughs than lose their jobs," Valley president Tyree Wieder said. "Clearly we have a very difficult budget situation this year. I think everyone should do what they can and this is something we have to do to address the problem." The president said her contract has already been amended.

In another action also considered to cut costs, the district is making plans to move about 20 administrators back to the classroom and possibly lay off several others.

Top district officials, presidents and deans would be in line for possible furloughs. Drummond, whose salary is \$197,000 a year, would lose \$11,340 in pay if he were furloughed for three weeks.

The district's board of trustees is expected to approve sending letters of notification to administrators who could be affected today. Under state

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BY SAMANTHA KUPPIG / VALLEY STAR

ADMINISTRATIVE WORRIES-Valley College President Tyree Wieder (right) and Vice President of Student Services Yasmin Delahoussaye (left) discussed campus issues Tuesday.



STAFF EDITORIAL

# All Bang, No Bucks

Congratulations new kindergarteners through high schoolers, the state of California has allotted you and your fellow students \$7,500 each for your public education.

Welcome to California State University. The state has put forth \$15,000 for your higher education.

Roll out the red carpet for new arrivals at University of California. It's \$25,000 a pop for you. Meet me on the tennis court after Psych 101, Muffy.

Oh, so you're in community college, eh? It looks like Sacramento can scrape together \$4,000 apiece for you plebian scum, even though your 108 campuses bear the brunt of higher education in this here golden state.

These puzzling numbers come from the Los Angeles Community College District

board of trustees. What's perhaps even more of a head-scratcher is that the tuition community college students' pay goes to the state coffers, whereas UC and CSU tuitions go directly to the institutions.

The message from the governor's office is clear: community colleges get the royal screw-job. But what's the alternative... Bill Simon? A Simon governorship would certainly have resulted in more per-student funding because half of us would have hauled ass to Nevada.

Now Gov. Gray Davis will propose an increase in community college tuition from \$11 to \$24 per unit. Certainly it's still a bargain when compared to the universities, and low-income community college students can still get fee waivers. But since university tuition is rising too, this will mean an inundation of

the community college ranks.

A sad fact: more than 27,000 black and Latino students will stop attending community colleges in Los Angeles County. That number alone exceeds the number of black and Latino undergrads on all nine UC campuses. Less educational opportunity for the most economically disadvantaged people in the state. Lovely.

And just when you thought the mass exodus couldn't get worse, another sad number comes into play. An alarming 206,000 students won't be able to afford community college tuition. That's more than the UC's entire undergrad enrollment. Can you say: "Would you like fries with that?"

What to do? Both sides at the capital seem to agree on reasons and actions, but the blame game continues. Democratic

state Sen. Richard Alarcon said, "Governor Davis has been community colleges' worst enemy since he was elected," but he's quick to point out that, "Senator Jack Scott (Dem. Pasadena) screwed you guys big time."

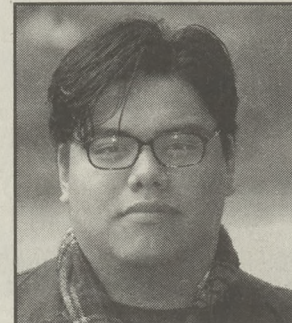
In true Republican fashion, Senator Keith Richman said that we should "Rally the troops to our cause." Bear in mind, he said this to a Valley College delegation who visited his office in Sacramento Feb. 3. Hey Monarchs, make it a point to join the bus caravans that the ASU is arranging to deploy to the capitol building's lawn on March 17.

Whatever way you slice it, the budget pie remains spoiled, old, and sour. Anybody wishing to attend this or any other California community college might be better off placing their hard-earned money into another state-run system: the lotto.

## CampusView

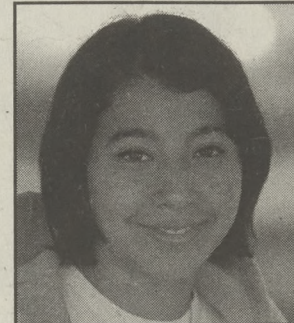
How has the budget crisis affected you?

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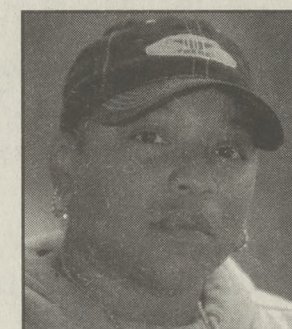
"When you cut the educational budget, you short change the future."

Jose Santos



"At my job, hours are going down, which means less money for me, which means my education is being threatened."

Esmeralda Revolorio



"They affected me because I can't get the classes I want here and I have to go to another school to get them."

Katrina Titit



"I'm a student worker and I love what I do and it sucks that I have to go."

Jessie Salas



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## Gas Prices Pump Up Anger

BY KATHY ARELLANO  
COPY EDITOR

The first time I noticed gasoline prices I was 17. It was 1965 and minimum wage was a dollar and change. My whale-sized Ford station wagon held 20 gallons and \$6 filled the tank with regular. I took the price and availability of gas for granted. I was young and foolish.

Today, that 20-gallon tank costs close to \$50 to fill. And that's not the only cost.

I can't separate the astronomical gas prices from the politics of the impending war. It's no coincidence that the George W. Bush administration is fighting hard to protect our oil interests in the Middle East, Bush and Dick Cheney both have a long history with the oil industry.

Bush calls it a 'war on terrorism' — I call it a power play for oil.

Economists predict once the United States invades Iraq oil prices will go down. I'm not comforted. I've heard it before. Pardon me while I reminisce... 1952: the Middle East starts using its oil stores as political leverage against Great Britain. Eleven nations that account for 40 percent of the world's oil production and 77 percent of the world's oil reserves form a powerful consortium called the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) eight years later.

**The first oil crisis: fall 1973.** Arab oil-producing nations impose an oil embargo on the United States as retaliation for our support to Israel. Californians prepare for gas rationing. Service stations close

Sundays. Spring 1974: OPEC lifts the embargo. Gas prices remain high.

**Late 1979:** Iranian militants seize the U.S. embassy in Tehran, holding hostages for an agonizing 15 months. President Carter places an embargo on imported Iranian oil and freezes Iranian assets, sparking the second oil crisis. Gas prices soar to an all-time high. Stations shorten their hours of operations and I wait, along with my community, in long lines.

The United States begins squirreling away crude oil in deep salt caverns in the Gulf of Mexico. Known as the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve, it stores about 570 million barrels of oil — about a 60-day supply — just in case America is cut off again.

**By 1981,** Californians are shelling out a whopping \$1.50 a gallon for regular unleaded. President Reagan ends price controls on crude oil and refined petroleum products, forcing a significant drop in gasoline prices over the next five years, to consumers' great relief.

Worldwide demand for OPEC products goes down and, for the first time in its 23-year history, they lower the price of oil. Gas prices go down, once again, to under a dollar a gallon...

Then came the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster. Carrying 1.25 million 42-gallon barrels of Alaskan crude, the tanker strikes a reef and spills more than 10 million gallons into Prince William Sound. California gas prices climb again.

**1990:** Iraq invades Kuwait and the price of gas at California pumps continues to spike. **1991:** a United Nations coalition

attacks Iraq and liberates Kuwait. The price at the pumps doesn't change.

**1999:** OPEC cuts production, driving prices even higher. Furthermore, Californians push for higher environmental standards, which increases production and storage costs, and adds new taxes. But the extra expense doesn't seem to deter our need to drive. The nation's odometer registered two trillion miles, give or take a trip to Mickey D's.

Car manufacturers are happy with active sales of the new gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles. Technology for alternate-powered vehicles was available in the 1960s, but energy-conscious consumers have been able to purchase them only recently.

I see this long line of gas crises as a giant wake-up call for Americans. The gluttonous lifestyle we've taken as a birthright is not sustainable or fair. Americans comprise a mere five percent of the world's population, yet we selfishly use 40 percent of its resources.

We're depleting those resources at an astonishing rate, we're irreparably damaging the environment, and most disturbingly, we're sacrificing our children's lives in wars for oil. Our president might even be willing to risk a third world war to seize Middle Eastern oil.

I'm not young and foolish anymore. I'm angry. I urge you to get angry, too. Make some changes in your life. Unite with others and make some changes in the White House before it's too late. If you don't do something, skyrocketing gas prices will be the least of your worries.

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## Campus Scene

### UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES

**California State University Los Angeles-** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 27

**Northridge-** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 3; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. March 10

**University of California Riverside-** 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 26

**Santa Barbara-** 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 2 p.m. March 8

### Other

**Woodbury University-** 3 to 6 p.m. Feb. 26, Monarch Square

### THEATRE

**The Stanway Case** 8 p.m. March 1-3, 7-9, and 14-16, Horseshoe Theatre.

### MUSIC

**Primavera Piano Trio,** 11:30 a.m. Feb. 27, Music Recital Hall.

**Yumi Man,** 15-year-old violinist, 11:30 a.m. March 6, Music Recital Hall.

### PLANETARIUM

**ET- The Real Search,** 8 p.m. March 7, Planetarium; admission charge.

### EVENTS

**24th Annual Job Fair,** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 19, Monarch Square

## BUCK 65: From Halifax to Hollywood

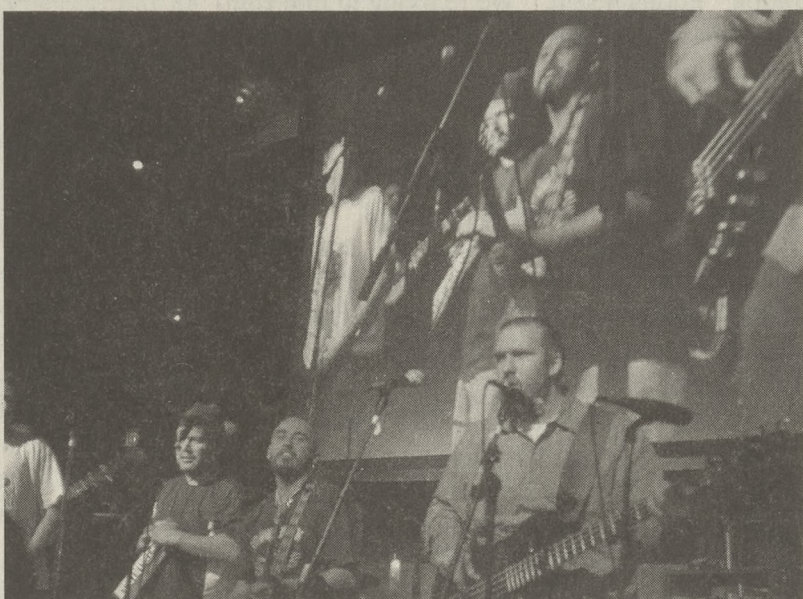
By BEN JAURON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Jan. 15, hip hopper Buck 65 came live and direct to the Knitting Factory in Hollywood to give props to his peeps and represent his hometown of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Roughly 500 old-school fans came to watch the man whose stateside appearances are very rare.

"He's so original because it's just himself, his mini-disc player, his turntable, his chocolate chip cookies and his microphone," Valley College student Dov Viramontes said. "He's not like other hip-hopppers who have all the backup. He even stayed to give everybody autographs after the show."

Buck 65, a.k.a. Rich Terfry, has a different style of rap that harkens back to the old school. Instead of singing about busting caps in cops' asses, his songs tell stories about eating food, driving on road trips, shining shoes and life as a centaur. He has a great distaste for what hip-hop has become.

"Hip hop used to be people's music," Buck said. "It came from the street and it spoke to poor and ordinary people. It used to have a punk-rock ethic. But



By SAMANTHA KUPPING / VALLEY STAR

**Dirt Box-** Grammy Award winning Latin rock group Ozomatli plays to a sold out crowd at the first Dirtbox event in Santa Monica.

## Dirt Box Helps Cancer Victims' Pain

By KRISTA CARLSON  
STAFF WRITER

Walking up the steps into the venue, one could sense extravagance. Gotham Hall's wood floors and hand-blown hanging lamps, deep purple walls, regal green and gold curtains, large coppery metal doors and spacious open doorways appropriately enveloped a crowd dressed to the nines. On Feb. 15, the club thrived with a potent brand of artistically infused energy as painters, actors, filmmakers, and musicians were welcomed into one creative forum.

The first annual "Dirt Box," a combination showcase of music, art, and film was held at Gotham Hall in Santa Monica. More than 500 people attended the benefit for cancer, presented by the Delia Cabral Art, X-Position, and Santa Monica Film Festival organizations. Featured musical artists included Ozomatli, Umbalaye, Bruce Hathcock and DJ Kidragon.

Ozomatli took the stage around 11:30 p.m., providing funky Latin rhythms to groove to. A packed concert floor began to dance as soon as the first note struck the air. Throughout the night, the club thrived with a potent brand of artistically infused energy, as the event welcomed painters, actors, filmmakers and musicians into one creative forum.

Artist and actor alike, every attendee reveled in the lavish

## Valley's Best Friend Remembered

By NICOLE SUNKES  
VALLEY LIFE EDITOR

Almost everyone on the custodial, security and plant services staffs knew her. They would probably all say she was one of the hardest workers on campus. Ginger, a dog who called Valley College home for 16 years, died earlier this month.

"She was like another custodian," said Mark Traversino, a former Valley plant services worker. "It was like she would punch in at 6 a.m. when the first custodian got here, and she would follow his cart all day, come back and fall asleep until the night shift started."

Actor Beau Hopkins first discovered Ginger on campus in 1986. He gave her a name, brought her food and eventually Ginger decided to make Valley home. "She would hang out by plant services and sleep under the carts," Traversino said.

Traversino was a member of the friends of Ginger, a group of Valley staffers who contributed to her care. "Everyone chipped in when it was needed," Traversino

said. Eventually, staffers noticed that she needed shelter on cold and rainy nights, and built her a doghouse.

In 1997, two German Shepherds attacked Ginger and she was near death when plant services staff discovered her.

They rushed her to a veterinarian for surgery and she was saved. The medical bills totaled almost \$2,300 and several people contributed to a fund, eventually paying all her bills. She also had a cancer scare about two years ago, and donations by campus staff paid her bills.

The group made sure Ginger was bathed and fed. "One time, the grooming van was here, and it took 20 people to round her up," Traversino said. It also brought Ginger food, even on the weekends.

In her later years, Ginger called the Sheriff's office home. "She just couldn't handle being outside anymore," security worker Sharon Johnston said. "She suffered from arthritis, and couldn't handle walking around campus."

Johnston shouldered most of the responsibility of Ginger's care in her last years. "She sort of



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK TRAVERSINO  
**GINGER-** Ginger lived on campus for 16 years

retired here," Johnston said. "She would sit on the couch in front during the day, and at night, she would sleep on a cushion in the office."

Sharon took Ginger home after a surgery to remove tumors left her with bandages that needed to stay clean and dry. She also took Ginger to a local groomer and gave her flea medication on a regular basis, which sporadic donations from students and faculty supplemented financially.

"If she trusted you she was a real sweetie," Johnston said. "I became very attached to her."

"I love dogs, I've had three of my own, but Ginger was special," Traversino said. "She wanted to hang out with us. She was like a student, with a desire to live and survive, and she was a hero to all of us."

## "Vagina" Rocks On Stage

By JACQUI BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Vagina! There, I said it. Is your mouth agape? Are your eyebrows raised? Did it shock you just a little?

They are more powerful than a locomotive and can drop grown men in their tracks. It's the one true power women have over their male counterparts. It can placate, mesmerize, dazzle, seduce, resolve, intimidate and

just plain make a bad day turn around, however, it isn't there to be abused. It has long been a subject talked about among women in private for the last, well, forever I suppose. It's been taboo, hush-hush, bedroom talk until now.

Feb. 14 through 16 it was all the rage on the Main Stage Theater as the Valley College theatrical department proudly joined women in a nationwide presentation of "The Vagina Monologues." Thousands of women across the United States were talking publicly about them, especially this past Valentine's weekend where there were more than 1,000 productions.

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By ALEX DASH / VALLEY STAR

**BUCK 65-** Hip-hopper Buck 65 scratches his beats at the Knitting Factory in Hollywood.

now it's glamour-drenched, and that's not speaking to the people."

Buck incorporates a great deal of storytelling into his performances, which the audience greatly appreciates, and through the course of the show he punctuated the songs with anecdotes from his life. He talked about when he got braces on his teeth at age 14, hitchhiking through the deep south, living for a week underneath the Santa Monica pier, and perhaps his favorite, how he earned his alias.

Buck said hip-hop originated from square dance calling, and growing up in Halifax, square dancing was popular. Fudd Green, a popular figure in the community, was the town square dance caller and auctioneer. Green's most valued possession was his 1965 Buick Riviera. As Buck was coming into his own as an artist

growing up, Green noticed he used the same adjectives to describe Buck as he did his precious car.

"Smooth," "dependable," "hard working," "a great balance of finesse and power."

Soon young Terfry was known as "65 Buick." However, a local newsletter went out with a misprint that read "Buck 65," and the name stuck. "It would have been too much work to go around and explain it to everyone," Buck said.

Buck has been producing music for a decade, but he said he started listening to hip-hop and "B-boying at the roller rink" in 1981 when he was nine. He's released 10 albums and is most proud of "Vertex," which was released in 1996.

"When I listen to it I can still feel something," Buck said. Buck will be releasing a new album titled "Talkin' Honkey Blues" in the summer, though he's still looking for a label to produce it in the United States. He has record contracts in Canada as well as several European and Pacific-rim countries, but none in the country where his largest fan base is.

Another one of Buck's tricks is throwing cookies and candy to the audience, while raucous fans nearly dismember each other for them.

"I like him because he doesn't take himself seriously," Silvia Sanchez of Mt. Washington said. "It's just too bad it's so crowded in here."



By TAMMY ABBOTT / VALLEY STAR

**OHhh...AHHH-** Christina Lindhart demonstrates moaning during a benefit production of "The Vagina Monologues" in the Mainstage Theatre on Feb. 14.

## Welcome Back!

By JACQUI BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Well, here we are at last. Back to usher in the spring semester. No assignments, no research, no homework for the last two months has been interesting. We have ruminated, rejuvenated and re-energized, although I have to say, in my house, vacation time is not exactly relaxing.

The energy my kids and their friends produce and expend when they're out of school is like electric shocks after running your feet over carpet on an exceptionally dry day. Trips to the mall, amusement parks, doctors, countless sleep-overs and trips to the Yu-Gi-Oh card store during this "vacation" lead me to be one very tired mom.

So all I can say is, ah, school! It's like a haven, an escape. School is a little slice of heaven after hauling my kids and their friends everywhere.

The campus looks pretty spiffy since the fall semester ended.

They've installed lights, trimmed trees, pruned bushes and the rest of the greenery lies in wait for our famous sunshine to dapple itself across our acres and force the flowers into bloom.

Some students are starting their first year, full of vim and vigor, others trying to elongate a shortened career by getting a step ahead and learning new concepts. Then there are those of us who are trying to re-invent ourselves, to get a new game on and re-join the ranks. Students everywhere are rapt in conversations, catching up with each other and discussing the state

of the world. New subjects challenge the mind. New and not so new teachers spew lectures, draw upon graphs and grids and dare us to be involved, to speak up, and to participate. Dare us to prove our grasp of knowledge and the notion that somehow, no matter how mundane the subject, we will find great use with what we've learned when we throw ourselves to the lions and try to get a job.

Personally, my only goal at this moment is to squeeze out a two-year degree somewhere inside of three or four and prove to myself that I can do it. I can also get my

mother off my back and never hear the words 'I told you so' again. At the rate I'm going it may take even more time, but I say so what? I'll turn the half-century mark in the next few years regardless of what I do, so I can only laugh in the face of time as it passes by and enjoy my new friends at school.

It gives one pause to think. Do all those enrolled at Valley College have greater plans to continue their education, or will they use the two years of hard earned information to go out into the world and change things? Work on the big picture, build the bridges back to their great-

ness before being felled by political agendas, find a way to feed and shelter everyone or make healthcare accessible for all. What if one day we realized that the next president walked among Valley students? You have to admit, that would be pretty cool.

With the first two weeks of the semester behind you, I hope you've fallen into the groove, love all your teachers, have seen all your friends, made a few new ones and have enough time left to enjoy the non-academia side of life as well.



school's total offering, from the schedule, and effective summer 2003 Valley will offer one session of summer school with a limited number of classes. There is no word as to whether winter session will be eliminated, but there will be discussions regarding the new fiscal year in July.

"Last summer we offered eight music classes," said Dianne Wintrob, music department chair. "This summer we can only offer three."

And music is not the only department cutting short on section numbers. A number of students were shocked to find they were unable to add the only Linguistics class offered this semester. The linguistics course or its equivalent English 105 is required for many students to transfer (talk to a counselor to confirm).

"About 15 students came to me last week complaining that they couldn't add to the linguistics class," ASU president Sam Khushyan said. "One woman told me that linguistics is one of the few classes she needs to graduate this spring."

Last winter more than 100 stu-

dents enrolled in one of two Elementary Algebra classes offered at Valley. Most of the students were working adults who could only take the course during evening hours.

"Students were lined up in the hallways," said Norman Seiver, a math instructor. "I had to request a lecture hall in Behavioral Science to accommodate everyone. If only one class is being offered at night, it's only fair to try help everyone out." The average class size at Valley is now between 45 and 50 students.

Students may have to get more creative when choosing classes. Some colleges offer more than one summer session, like College of the Canyons that offers four. And if certain classes are cancelled, students have the option to concurrently attend other colleges that offer the same courses. Seiver said a majority of those enrolled in his winter session attended other schools that didn't offer that math class.

Supplies are another issue for instructors. Valley's receiving department has always given every department basic supplies such dry erase markers, chalk and paper. However, since the

budget began suffering, the funding for receiving to continue supplying classrooms has been cut off almost completely.

"We used to order basic supplies for teachers but now departments have to use their own budget whenever they need anything," Hector Salazar, a supervisor at Valley's receiving department said. "We still have some supplies leftover so we basically have to ration them out evenly. I do believe, however, that we will be out within two and a half months."

What's clear is Valley faculty and students will have to work together to make it through the tight budget. Those who want to voice their opinions about the proposed cuts or want more information about the district rally can visit the ASU office in Campus Center room 102 where postcards are available. ASU will send them to Sacramento.

"People will have to get together to work things out," Salazar said.

Editor-in-chief Ben Jauron contributed to this report.

## Valley Recognizes Black History Month

By KRISTA CARLSON  
STAFF WRITER

Where would America be without the African-Americans who stood up for freedom and equality? What kind of America would this be without the abolitionists and civil rights activists? Would blacks still be enslaved? Would they be allowed to vote? What about the other American minorities and women? Without the men and women who stood up and fought for what they believed, this could be a very different America.

Not just blacks, but other minorities would endure unfair treatment today if not for aboli-

tionists in the 19th century and civil rights leaders in the 20th who pushed this country to open its eyes and cast aside its fear of what's different.

Today, every group in America shares equal rights and privileges as U.S. citizens. "Black History Month is recognized so that we won't forget the heroes of America," Black Student Union President Sheretta Thomas said. "It's an important part of our history."

"I think it is important to know that we didn't come from Africa to being enslaved to the 60's and deciding that we didn't want that anymore," Kirk

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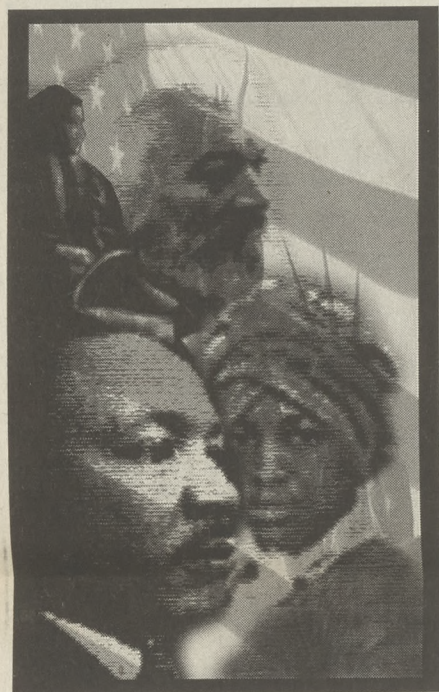


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## From the Blotter: Student Arrested For Passing Bad Check

By RYAN YUDELL  
STAFF WRITER

Stinging a foreign student for passing a bad check and popping Grant High kids for trying to jack a car are only a few of the things Valley College security have had to deal with in the new year.

The sheriff's department arrested an international student for passing a \$2,417 bad check at the Valley College business office, according to campus security.

According to a report filed Jan. 17 with the sheriff's department, the student filled out and successfully used a bank deposit slip to pay for school tuition. Fearing a flight risk, sheriffs decided against contacting the student directly and set up an appointment for him to meet

with his counselor Feb. 11, where they would nab him. The student failed to appear at the meeting, but authorities spotted him shortly afterwards and made the arrest.

According to Sheriff's Deputy Randy Tuinstra, the head of campus security, the suspect wasn't surprised when he was arrested. "He knew he had done something wrong," Tuinstra said.

The suspect was charged with passing a fictitious check with the intent to defraud, which is a felony. A court date is pending.

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Two Grant High School students were arrested for grand theft auto in parking lot D at 3:15 p.m. Jan. 27, according to campus sheriffs.

A campus security officer pulled the teens over because they looked too young to drive, according to the sheriff's report. While inspecting the vehicle, the officer noticed the ignition was punched in. After confirming the vehicle was stolen with the Los Angeles Police Department, campus sheriffs took the driver and passenger into custody.

The driver was booked at the West Hollywood sheriff's station and taken to Sylmar Juvenile Hall, according to security. Authorities released the passenger into a guardian's custody.

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Thieves broke into a pickup truck parked in lot A and stripped \$800 worth of parts at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 11, according to campus sheriffs.

## 'Coalition' continued from page 1

reelection.

"The coalition is using a tactic of being divisive and pitting one group against the other, students against faculty and faculty against administration," Furutani said. "We're trying to find common ground. Our goal is simply to have the best community college system in the country, which would make it the best in the world."

Furutani's other priorities in his bid for reelection are to improve student transfer rates to universities and advanced training programs.

Furutani's opponent from the coalition is insurance adjuster David Hernandez. Educational producer and environmentalist Mark Gonzaga is also vying for the seat. Gonzaga's campaign theme is "education is the answer."

"Knowledge and skills mean a better standard of living for you and those around you," Gonzaga said. "The budget cuts are unacceptable and tuition cannot be raised when community college education used to be free in this state."

Incumbent and Board Vice President Mona Field faces challengers Joyce Burrell Garcia, Earl Raymond High and Bennett of the coalition, all educators.

Field said she takes pride in her 20 years

experience as a professor at Glendale College and how she and others were able to reduce Governor Pete Wilson's proposed fee increases from \$30 to \$13 per unit a decade ago.

"My experience working with students, faculty, staff and administrators and other Board members will help at this critical point to keep us all together pushing for our shared goal — access to education for all who wish to learn," Field said.

Office number one is contested between incumbent Sylvia Scott-Hayes, educator Donna J. Warren and coalition-man Mark Isler.

"The faculty guild runs the district with the best interests of the teachers in mind, not the students," Isler said. "Community college is great for students who want to move onto the university system, but for those who don't, the district is cutting too many of the vocational classes."

The race for office number five is a showdown between incumbent Mercer and educator and author David Sanchez of the coalition.

Valley's faculty union supports the incumbents.

"The current board members have the vision, leadership and guts to get us through this challenging time," Valley faculty union representative Joanne Waddell said. "They're not afraid to make difficult decisions and they truly have the district's best interests at heart."

## Dave Ogne Retires After 30 Years of Service to Valley

By BEN JAURON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Facilities Manager David Ogne lived across the street from Valley College on Coldwater Canyon Avenue for more than 20 years while he and his wife raised their four children. He accepted a position at Trade Technical College and was about to start his first day of work but decided to go across the street on a Hail Mary to see if anything was open. The school had just fired a carpenter and Ogne was fortunate to find a job so close to home.

He decided to stay through five decades.

"It's amazing," a highly emotional Ogne said. "All my kids are grown, where'd the years go?"

And many agree that Trade Tech's loss was Valley's gain.

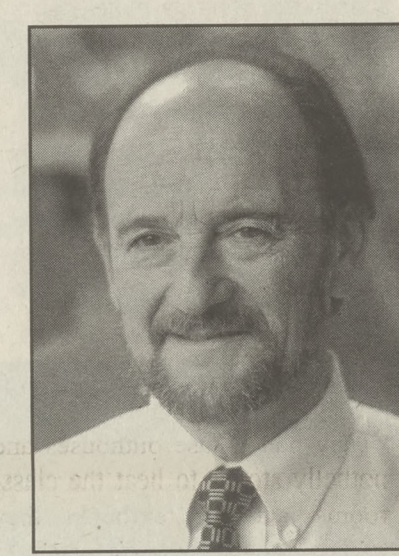
"He's the best building and grounds administrator I've ever had," gardener Gregory Thomas said. "I consider him a close personal friend and I wish him the best in this life and in the next."

More than 70 friends, family and colleagues dined on entrees of roast beef and chicken in the Water Falls room of the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City earlier this year to celebrate his retirement.

Ogne began at Valley College in 1967 as a carpenter and draftsman. He took the role of building and grounds administrator in 1982, the youngest person to ever make the position at 33. His official end of watch was Dec. 31, 2002.

"Dave Ogne's dedicated 30

years of his life to this place and he's always looked out for the people who've worked down here," said mechanic and close friend Maurice Pontani. "A lot of contractors try to rip off the school, but they couldn't sneak



By ALEX DASH / VALLEY STAR

RETIRED - Facilities Manager David Ogne retired recently.

anything by him."

"Dave always treated everyone with respect, that's why he's so well-respected," said Matt Needham, heating, ventilation and air conditioning technician. "I've always appreciated his professional demeanor."

"We've had some good times together and I'm going to miss him," operations manager Charles Long said. "We didn't know much about running the department and it's been a learning experience for both of us. It's been a pleasure working for him for the past 20 years and I hope he enjoys his retirement."

Ogne's superiors concur.

"It's been a hard thing for

me to try to replace someone who's been here for 45 years," exaggerated Tom Jacobsmeyer, vice president of administrative services. "This man supported the plant facilities employees 100 percent through everything I ever complained about."

Ogne's family sat at the head table with him.

"I love the school — I graduated from there twice," Ogne's wife Peggy Sue said. "All four of our kids went to the child care center and Valley College is a part of our family."

"I grew up at Valley, it was like a second home," added Ogne's oldest daughter Heidi Spencer.

Ogne's two biggest sources of pride from his service are in the fitness and child development centers.

In what Ogne described as a, "backdoor, bootleg, outside the rules project," that was, "almost a law breaker," Valley added the fitness center in 1985. It required volunteers from within and without the Valley community, including several police officers, working on their own time towards a project higher authority frowned upon.

"It didn't get any district or the state approval, we did it ourselves," Ogne said.

Some say Ogne's departure couldn't have better timed.

"He's getting out at the right time, the money's gone and there's no use sticking around anyway," said Jimmy Acosta, who worked at Valley for 18 years.

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One of the most surprising things about this new generation of anti-war activists is their difference in generations. Contemporary war protesters range in ages from toddlers to the wrinkled gray. Some have mohawks and others sport Eisenhower-administration style perms. But they all carry signs reading 'Drop Bush, Not Bombs,' 'Protest is Patriotic' and 'We Want Peace, Not Duct Tape.'

"The people out here are far more concerned with the responsibilities of citizenship than those who are passively accepting everything told to them," Valley College history professor Farrel Broslowsky said. "Those of us who are opposed to going to war believe if there is a threat coming from Saddam Hussein it's not a direct threat to the United States. And if he has to be contained it can be done without war."

"People who aren't involved and aren't educated are the people

Bush is counting on," Valley student Lily Garzona said. She also said that people tend not to get involved with things that don't affect them directly. Others do.

"We as Americans should fight the Patriot Act," Maureen Brosta of Los Angeles said as she stood among the protesters outside City Hall Friday. "We should be on the streets. We've fought war after war, and boys and girls should not die for this war of oil."

More and more are getting involved. The California State University Northridge and Los Angeles City College faculty senates have passed similar resolutions as Los Angeles. The Valley academic senate may follow suit at its next meeting March 20.

"I'm polling the staff by e-mail and the response so far has been positive," Valley faculty senate president Leon Marzillier said Monday. "Nobody's said no yet."

Valley's Associated Student Union isn't planning to take a

similar stand yet, but representatives said they will also address the war issue at tomorrow's town hall meeting in Monarch Hall where they will discuss with local legislators how the state budget crisis is affecting community colleges. ASU members see the budget crisis as a symptom of the impending war, and many are opposed to military action.

"Protest?" ASU commissioner of fine arts James Brevard said. "Just tell me where to be. I think these plans of war and attack on terrorism were in Bush's cards before he was president."

Steve Ford of Los Angeles came to the Feb. 15 protest out of curiosity and shares Brevard's mistrust of the chief executive. "Honestly, how are we expected to stop something like this war when we couldn't even stop the person who started it from coming to office," he said. "It's not a little too late, it's a lot too late."

But Ford joined the marchers when they passed.

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between 8:30 and 9 p.m., when Dennis Hopper took the stage and accepted his Persistence of Vision Lifetime Achievement Award from Deep Ellum Film Music Arts and Noise (DEFMAN). DEFMAN's president and founder, Michael Cain, presented Hopper with the award, which recognized him for his continuing work as an actor, director, and artist.

Besides appearing in films such as "Apocalypse Now" and "Rebel Without a Cause," galleries in Europe, Japan, and the United States have exhibited Hopper's paintings and photography.

Following Hopper, Umbalaye took stage. The six-piece ensemble had the crowd dancing from the start with upbeat and rhythmic Latin funk.

Umbalaye vocalist and saxophonist Jose Espinosa (known as "Crunchy") said there was a great vibe at the venue that night, and that he enjoyed the mix of art mediums. "It's interesting to hang out with filmmakers and see things you don't usually see at a club," Espinosa said.

Paintings lined the walls of the back room, where artist Micah Chambers-Goldberg worked through the night to the beat of the music, first

sketching and then adding paint to his newest piece. Another room housed the stage, and an upstairs VIP area, which overlooked the concert room, became a favorite spot for directors and actors.

"Putting together an event that featured art and supported cancer relief was just natural to me," art dealer Delia Cabral, an organizer for DCA said. Cabral painted murals until she was in a car accident and could no longer paint. Then she began representing other artists.

"I try to sell art fairly, in a way that the artists make money and a portion of the sales can go to charity," Cabral said. Twenty percent of all sales go to cancer relief. Featured artists included Chambers-Goldberg, Tessa Poppe, Tara Veneruso, Xander Berkeley, Richard Davis, and Tom Huckabee.

Director Matt Kadish, a student of the Los Angeles Film School whose film was featured in the festival, explained his passion for directing. "I really love interacting with people and directing allows me to do that," he said. Kadish found an opportunity in the festival to promote his feature script with a short film of the same name, "The Outside Man," starring actor Jeremy Renner. Renner received the Independent Spirit Award for best actor for his role in "Dahmer."

ital cutting, which has existed for decades specifically to eliminate sexual pleasure, and the plight of Afghan women, who must live their lives as invisibles, garbed in a burka and suffering sexual abuse at the hands of rebels.

Award-winning playwright Eve Ensler originated the play to increase awareness and raise money to help eradicate violence against women and girls including rape, battery, incest and sexual slavery.

The Valentine's weekend production at Valley raised around \$750 for two local organizations selected as beneficiaries, the Van Nuys-based Valley Trauma Center that aids victims of rape and abuse and the Haven Hills women's shelter for those wishing to escape an abusive relationship and rebuild their lives.

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Players refer to vaginas by every name we've ever thought of and then some. The graphic descriptions the superb cast presented had the audience laughing out loud. From the descriptive satire on the different version of orgasmic moans — ranging from the Jewish "Oy Vay" to the silent WASP and all the way to the well-sung rendition of "My Slanted Friend" — there was much to celebrate at this V-Day fundraiser. V standing for Victory, Valentine and Vagina.

Though producers intended the play to entertain, it also contained somber moments. The audience listened in silence as they heard the plight of African women and gen-

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Gibbs, a media arts student said. "Black history month recognizes achievements that might otherwise go unrecognized."

Gibbs cited W.E.B. DuBois as an important leader in civil rights for blacks. "We think about Dr. King and Malcolm X, but leaders like Marcus Garvey, Booker T. Washington, and DuBois were just as much engaged in human rights as Dr. King and Malcolm X."

Valley College history Prof. Richard Pritchard was born in Georgia and lived in the south until he graduated high school in 1948. Then he joined the army

and hasn't gone back since.

"I'll be perfectly frank with you, I'd never want to live in the South," Pritchard said. "When I grew up everything was segregated — that was the way of life." He remembered his all-white high school with its modern fixtures, indoor plumbing and heat, ample room for its students, high-quality educational equipment and fine athletic facilities. He also recalled the school for black students.

"It was an old wooden building with no paint," Pritchard said. "They had to use outhouses and potbelly stoves to heat the classrooms, and the textbooks they used were hand-me-downs from the white high school.

"In other words it was separate, but not equal," Pritchard said. "Although there was a lot of contact, there were a lot of superior-inferior attitudes."

Black History Month started out as Negro History Week in 1926, an idea African-American scholar Dr. Carter Woodson proposed. The month of February represents several important dates in black history — the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, the anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X, the formation of the NAACP in 1909 and the first meeting of the Pan African Congress.

## 'Furloughs' continued from page 1

law, this preliminary step must be taken by March 15.

If the 120 administrators who face the furloughs were removed for a week, it would yield savings of roughly \$310,000. The district's annual budget is more than \$600 million, but the measure is symbolically important during the state budget crisis, officials said. They're also considering a broader plan to extend furloughs to all categories of employees except full-time faculty members, with hopes of saving \$2.5 million a week.

Valley has reduced its number of classes by 14 percent from a year ago and frozen or eliminated various

positions that were vacant.

Charles Bossler, president of the Los Angeles Community College District Administrators Assn., a unit of Teamsters Local 911 that represents 85 administrators opposes the potential cost-cutting steps. He branded the proposals as unfair and unlikely to save much money, and questioned why administrators were being earmarked for cutbacks when no similar reductions were announced for other district employees.

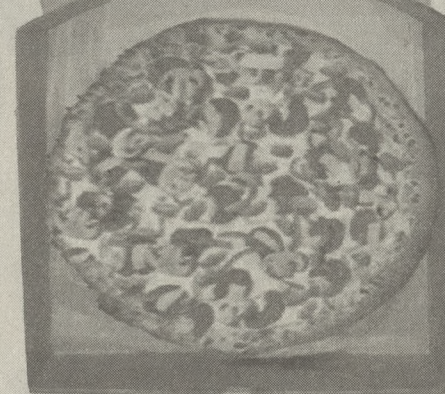
"I think we've all got to contribute something to keep the college healthy," said Tom Jacobsmeier, vice president of administrative services.

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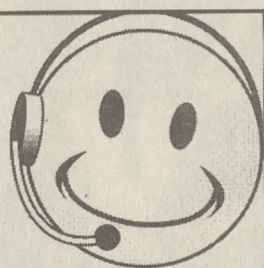
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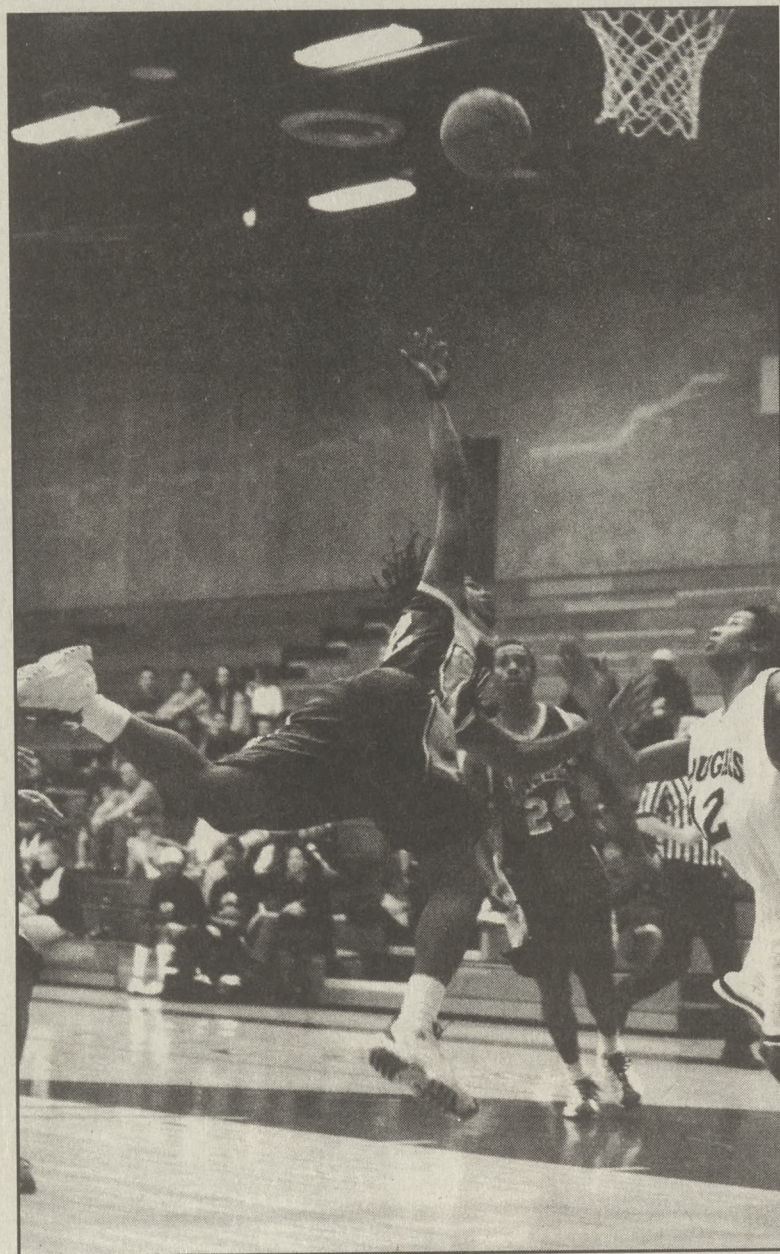


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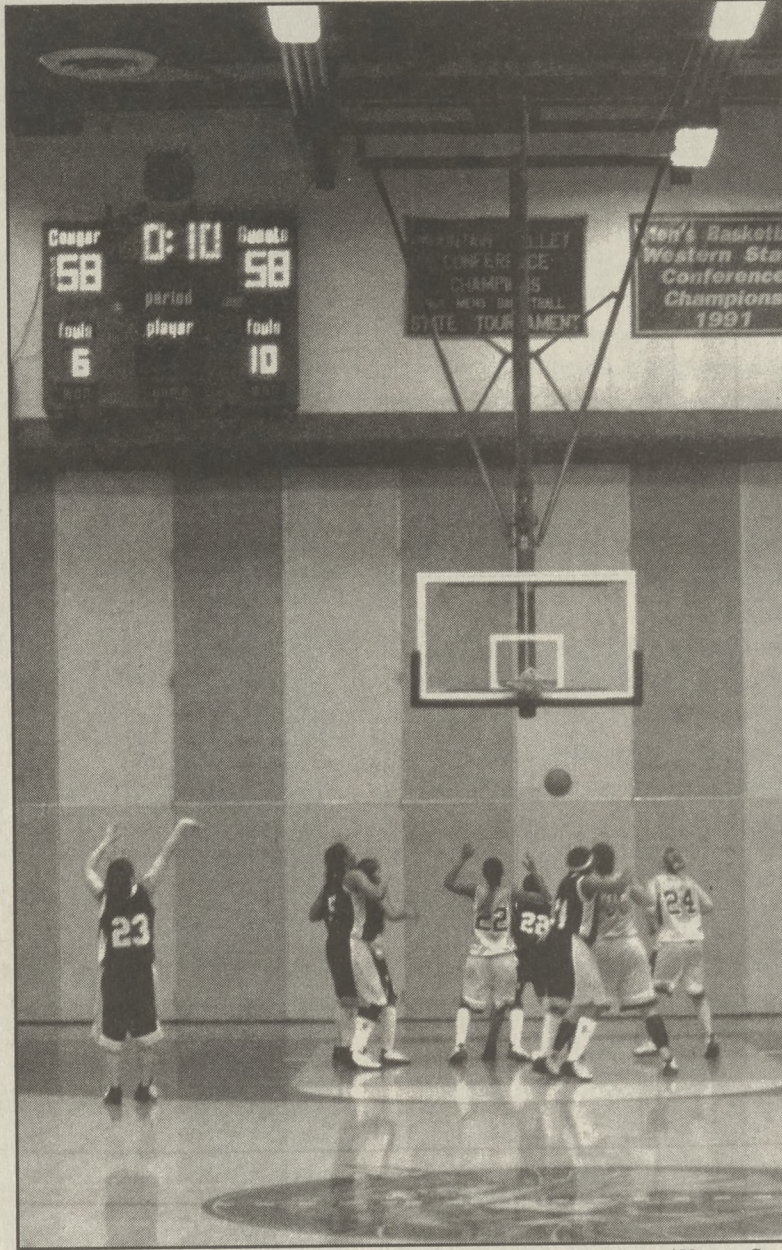
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## WESTERN STATE CONFERENCE

## Monarchs Wins WSC Championship



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CHAMPIONS-(left) Carlos Rivers, left, scored on this wild shot; (right) Guard Patricia Nuño, 23, throws up the game-winning three pointer.

■ The Monarchs close out the 02-03 season by winning the WSC Championship.

By BOB TEICHMANN  
SPORTS EDITOR

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Monarchs say they can do anything the men's team can. They proved it by defeating Canyons 61-58 Saturday to win the WSC Championship.

"It's great to win this on your rival's home court," Coach Mike Muro said. "The girls played a great game and deserved to win it the way they did."

Valley played the first 10 minutes of the game with obvious signs of anxiety, trailing 10-11. However, that small deficit wouldn't stand long.

The Ladies fought back. Syretta Coleman pump-faked Cougars guard Krystal Clay, crossed over, and sent a three pointer into the hoop to give the Monarchs a 29-26 lead at the half.

One-sided temper filled the Canyons bench. After the Cougars' center dropped the ball out of bounds, Canyons head coach Greg Harrick yelled at the player to "Hold the... damn ball."

Officials gave him a technical foul for his efforts.

Two Monarchs players fouled out and the team was in a bind. Soon they trailed the Cougars by as much as five. However, the Ladies weren't about to fail.

They fought back to tie the game at 58 with 15 seconds on the clock. Seconds later, the Monarchs regained possession and won the game on a clutch three pointer from Patricia Nuño.

"I just shot it and hoped it would fall," Nuño said after the game. "It did and that was it."

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball closed the season by defeating Canyons 93-83 Saturday to win the WSC Championship and a spot in the playoffs.

"Didn't I tell you we'd do it?" Carlos Rivers yelled after the game.

The first half was big for the Monarchs. A combined effort by Midwin Francis, Javon Anderson and the rest of the team gave Valley a 48-34 halftime lead.

With a 14-point lead to back them up, the Monarchs went into the second half shooting. Francis scored 16 points in the half including two clutch free throws.

The momentum didn't stop there. Valley went 11 for 16 from the foul line, with Anderson shooting four of six in the final 10 minutes.

"The guys stepped up," Coach Doug Michelson said. "They battled the whole way and made it."

MEN'S WSC PLAYOFFS Los Angeles Trade Tech ■ Saturday, 7 p.m.  
WOMEN'S WSC PLAYOFFS TBA ■ Saturday, 7 p.m.

## PRO SCORES

L.A. Lakers vs. Seattle Sonics (W 106-101) 2/23/03  
Kobe Bryant: 41 pts, 6 rb, 14-16 ft LA Record: 30-25 overall, 8-2 last 10 games

L.A. Kings @ Detroit Redwings (L 4-5) 2/24/03  
Mathieu Schneider: 1 goal, 1 pt, 20% spct. LA Record: 26-28-4-4

## LAVC SCORES

Women's Basketball @ Canyons (W 61-58) 2/22/03  
Erica Hightower: 25 pts, 6 ast, 14 rb Lakeisha Lott: 17 pts, 3 ast, 9 to  
Rachelle Sherman: 17 pts, 3 stl, 8 rb Record: 27-6 overall, 11-1 conference

Men's Basketball @ Canyons (W 94-84) 2/22/03  
Midwin Francis: 33 pts, 2-4 ft, 15-15 fg Montell Duhon: 7 pts, 5-6 ft  
Javon Anderson: 13 pts, 4-6 ft Record: 26-7 overall

Baseball vs. Pierce (L 0-5) 2/18/03  
Mike Seiser: 3-5 (2 singles, RBI, SB) Corey Brown: 2-2 (2 singles, 2 walks)  
Anthony Chevrier: 2-3 (2 singles, SB) Record: 0-9

Softball vs. Moorpark (L 0-5) 2/19/03  
Jessica Nelson: 2-3 (single, double) Paloma Artega: 1-3 (single, sb)  
Liliana Pulido: 1-3 (single, walk) Record: 4-11

## LAVC SCHEDULE

Wednesday 2/26/03  
No Scheduled Games

Friday 2/28/03  
Swimming @ Mt. Sac 11 a.m.  
Track & Field @ Santa Monica 2 p.m.

Monday 3/3/03  
No Scheduled Games

Thursday 2/27/03  
Baseball @ Mission 2 p.m.  
Softball vs. Mission 2:30 p.m.

Saturday 3/1/03  
Men's Basketball vs. LATT 7 p.m.  
Baseball vs. Glendale 1 p.m.  
Swimming @ MT. Sac All Day

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## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"You guys do realize that we're getting our butts whooped out there in the paint, right?"

Doug Michelson,  
Men's Basketball head coach  
during a time-out.



Photo by Bob Teichmann

## Softball

2/18/03 Valley 1, Pierce 4

2 Lisette Iturralde - 0 for 1 (walk)  
3 Nicole La Brunda - 1 for 3 (single)  
6 Krystal Daniels - 0 for 3  
11 Aeshia Mendez - 0 for 3  
12 Jessica Nelson - 2 for 3 (single, double)  
14 Paloma Artega - 1 for 3 (single, sb)  
16 Liliana Pulido - 1 for 3 (single, walk)  
27 Janelle Mendez - 0 for 2 (hit by pitch)  
28 Cynthia Martinez - 0 for 3

SOFTBALL  
Upcoming Schedule  
Western State Conference

Opponent	Date	Time
Mission	2/27	2:30 p.m.
East Los Angeles	3/4	3 p.m.
Glendale	3/11	2:30 p.m.
@ Ventura	3/13	2:30 p.m.
Cuesta	3/15	12 p.m.



JORGE GALLEGOS / VALLEY STAR

SAFE-Monarch second baseman Janelle Mendez didn't get the ball in time to tag the runner in the February 19 game against Moorpark. The Raiders won 5-0.

## Monarchs Pierced at Home; Losing Streak Reaches Nine

By BOB TEICHMANN  
SPORTS EDITOR

To contradict their basketball counterparts, Monarchs baseball team was badly beaten 4-1 by Pierce College to drop to 0-9 on the season.

The Monarchs opened the top of the first inning by retiring Pierce College in order. The first two batters grounded out and the third sent a pop fly into playable foul territory.

However, the rest of the game would not be in the Monarchs' favor. They found themselves caught in a double play in the second and were taken in order in the third.

Pitching for the Monarchs went sour as the game progressed. Pitcher Corey Brown allowed five walks and three RBI's by the fifth inning. When Coach Chris Johnson made a pitching change, Brown responded by throwing his hat to the floor and yelling out "I'm done," among other things.

The only Monarch run came in the ninth inning off an RBI from third baseman Mike Seiser. As one fan put it, "Too little, too late... that ain't gonna cut it."

## BASEBALL

Upcoming Schedule  
Western State Conference

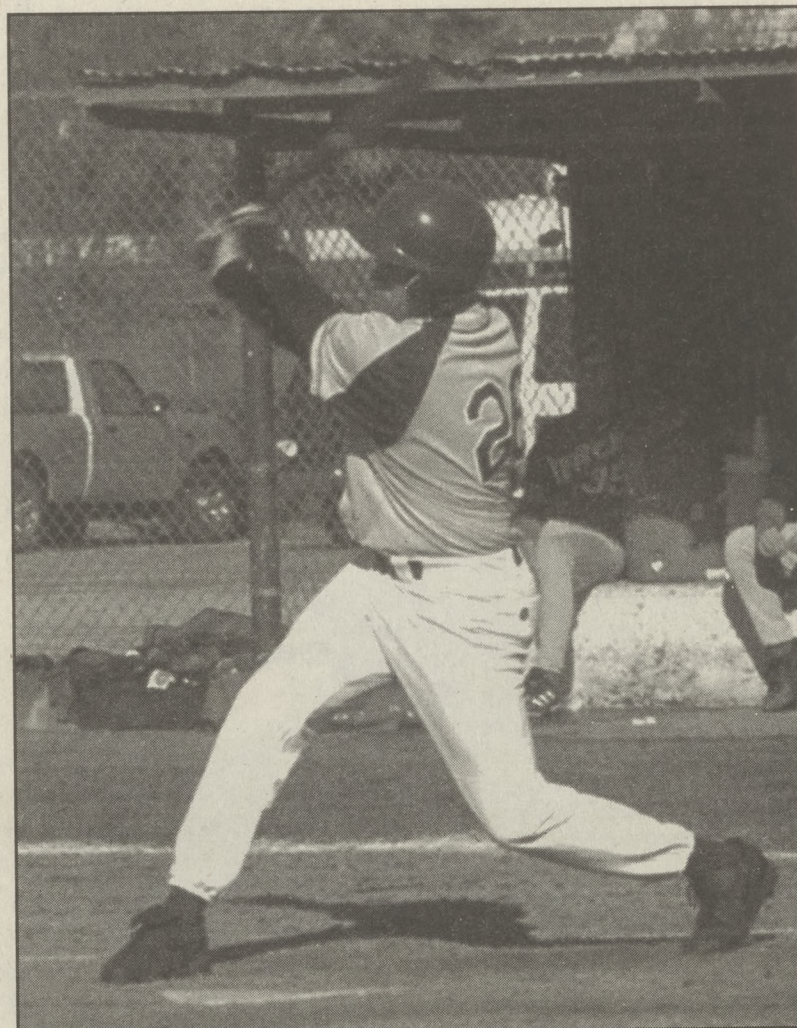
Opponent	Date	Time
@ Mission	2/27	2 p.m.
Glendale	3/1	1 p.m.
Citrus	3/4	2 p.m.
@ Santa Barbara	3/6	2 p.m.
Ventura	3/8	1 p.m.
@ Moorpark	3/11	2 p.m.
@ Oxnard	3/13	2 p.m.
Hancock	3/15	2 p.m.
Cuesta	3/18	2 p.m.
BYE	3/20	
Pierce	3/22	1 p.m.
@ Pierce	3/25	2 p.m.
BYE	3/27	
BYE	3/29	
@ Bakersfield	4/1	2 p.m.
Bakersfield	4/3	2 p.m.
@ Canyons	4/5	1 p.m.

2/18/03 Valley 1, Pierce 4

1 Anthony Mose - (walk)  
2 Jose de la Rosa - 1 for 4 (single)  
6 Mike Seiser - 3 for 5 (2 singles, RBI, SB)  
11 Brian Levinson - 0 for 3 (walk)  
14 Clint Copulos - 1 for 4 (1 Run)  
16 Keith Ash - 1 for 5 (single)  
22 Anthony Chevrier - 2 for 3 (2 singles, SB)  
26 Amador Galvez - 0 for 2  
29 Nevil Vega - 0 for 3 (walk)  
33 Corey Brown - 2 for 2 (2 singles, 2 walks)

## Inning by Inning Score

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
PIERCE	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	7	0
VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	1



JESUS CARRENO / VALLEY STAR

A SWING AND A MISS-Outfielder Amador Galvez at bat during the February 18 loss to Pierce. Galvez went 0 for 2.



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## NBA SCHEDULE

Wednesday 2/26/03

### Matchup

Indiana Pacers @ Boston Celtics	TV	none	Time	4 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies @ Philadelphia 76er's	none	none	4 p.m.	
New York Knicks @ New Jersey Nets	none	none	4:30 p.m.	
Phoenix Suns @ Milwaukee Bucks	none	none	5 p.m.	
Utah Jazz @ Minnesota Timberwolves	ESPN	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Miami Heat @ New Orleans Hornets	none	5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	
Toronto Raptors @ Chicago Bulls	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	
Portland Trailblazers @ Denver Nuggets	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	
Atlanta Hawks @ Seattle Supersonics	none	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	
Golden State Warriors @ Los Angeles Clippers	none	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	

Thursday 2/27/03

### Matchup

Houston Rockets @ Washington Wizards	TV	none	Time	4 p.m.
Sacramento Kings @ Dallas Mavericks	TNT	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	
Detroit Pistons @ Los Angeles Lakers	TNT, Fox Sports	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	

Friday 2/28/03

### Matchup

Milwaukee Bucks @ Indiana Pacers	TV	none	Time	4 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ Philadelphia 76er's	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Toronto Raptors @ Boston Celtics	ESPN	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Cleveland Cavaliers @ Minnesota Timberwolves	none	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Orlando Magic @ New York Knicks	ESPN	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Miami Heat @ Memphis Grizzlies	none	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Atlanta Hawks @ Chicago Bulls	none	5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	
New Orleans Hornets @ Denver Nuggets	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	
Los Angeles Lakers @ Seattle Supersonics	KCAL 9	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	
Los Angeles Clippers @ Portland Trailblazers	none	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	

Saturday 3/1/03

### Matchup

Sacramento Kings @ San Antonio Spurs	TV	none	Time	1 p.m.
Chicago Bulls @ Washington Wizards	ESPN	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Memphis Grizzlies @ Dallas Mavericks	none	5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	
New Orleans @ Phoenix Suns	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	
Detroit Pistons @ Golden State Warriors	none	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	
Seattle Supersonics @ Los Angeles Clippers	none	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	

Sunday 3/2/03

### Matchup

Orlando Magic @ Cleveland Cavaliers	TV	none	Time	10 a.m.
Utah Jazz @ New Jersey Nets	none	10 a.m.	10 a.m.	
Boston Celtics @ Toronto Raptors	none	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Atlanta Hawks @ Milwaukee Bucks	none	12 p.m.	12 p.m.	
New York Knicks @ Minnesota Timberwolves	none	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	
San Antonio Spurs @ Houston Rockets	none	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	
Washington Wizards @ Miami Heat	none	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	
Philadelphia 76er's @ Denver Nuggets	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	
Detroit Pistons @ Portland Trailblazers	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	

Monday 3/3/03

### Matchup

Boston Celtics @ Memphis Grizzlies	TV	none	Time	5 p.m.
Orlando Magic @ Chicago Bulls	none	5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	
Boston Celtics @ Sacramento Kings	none	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	
Atlanta Hawks @ Los Angeles Clippers	none	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	

Tuesday 3/4/03

### Matchup

Toronto Raptors @ Washington Wizards	TV	ESPN	Time	10 a.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Atlanta Hawks	none	10 a.m.	10 a.m.	
Houston Rockets @ Detroit Pistons	none	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Milwaukee Bucks @ Miami Hawks	none	12 p.m.	12 p.m.	
Cleveland Cavaliers @ New York Knicks	none	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	
New Jersey Nets @ Dallas Mavericks	none	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	
Phoenix Suns @ San Antonio Spurs	none	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Seattle Supersonics	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	
Indiana Pacers @ Golden State Warriors	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	

## NHL SCHEDULE

Wednesday 2/26/03

### Matchup

Buffalo Sabres @ Washington Capitals	TV	none	Time	4 p.m.
Anaheim Mighty Ducks @ Florida Panthers	none	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Carolina Hurricanes @ Phoenix Coyotes	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	

Thursday 2/27/03

### Matchup

New Jersey Devils @ New York Islanders	TV	none	Time	4 p.m.
Dallas Stars @ Ottawa Senators	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Florida Panthers @ Tampa Bay Lightning	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Los Angeles Kings @ Columbus Blue Jackets	Fox Sports	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Toronto Maple Leafs @ Detroit Red Wings	none	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Minnesota Wild @ Montreal Canadiens	none	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Boston Bruins @ New York Rangers	ESPN	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Chicago Blackhawks @ Philadelphia Flyers	ESPN	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Edmonton Oilers @ St. Louis Blues	none	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Pittsburgh Penguins @ Nashville Predators	none	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Atlanta Thrashers @ Colorado Avalanche	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	
San Jose Sharks @ Vancouver Canucks	none	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	

Friday 2/28/03

### Matchup

Dallas Stars @ Buffalo Sabres	TV	none	Time	4 p.m.
Anaheim Mighty Ducks @ Phoenix Coyotes	Fox Sports 2	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	

Saturday 3/1/03

### Matchup

Philadelphia Flyers @ Boston Bruins	TV	none	Time	10 a.m.
Chicago Blackhawks @ Nashville Predators	none	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	
Pittsburgh Penguins @ Colorado Avalanche	none	12 p.m.	12 p.m.	
Atlanta Thrashers @ Los Angeles Kings	none	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	
Vancouver Canucks @ Montreal Canadiens	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Buffalo Sabres @ New York Islanders	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Florida Panthers @ New York Rangers	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Tampa Bay Lightning @ Ottawa Senators	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Carolina Hurricanes @ Toronto Maple Leafs	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Edmonton Oilers @ Columbus Blue Jackets	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Washington Capitals @ New Jersey Devils	none	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Minnesota Wild @ St. Louis Blues	ESPN 2	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
San Jose Sharks @ Calgary Flames	none	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	

Sunday 3/2/03

### Matchup

Phoenix Coyotes @ Detroit Red Wings	TV	ESPN 2	Time	3 p.m.
Carolina Hurricanes @ Washington Capitals	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Colorado Avalanche @ Chicago Blackhawks	none	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Atlanta Thrashers @ Anaheim Mighty Ducks	KCAL 9	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Pittsburgh Penguins @ Dallas Stars	ESPN	5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	

Monday 3/3/03

### Matchup

Vancouver Canucks @ Boston Bruins	TV	none	Time	4 p.m.
Detroit Red Wings @ Columbus Blue Jackets	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Florida Predators @ Toronto Maple Leafs	none	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
New York Islanders @ New York Rangers	ESPN 2	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	

Tuesday 3/4/03

### Matchup

Washington Capitals @ Buffalo Sabres	TV	none	Time	4 p.m.
Boston Bruins @ Carolina Hurricanes	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Tampa Bay Lightning @ New York Islanders	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Toronto Maple Leafs @ Ottawa Senators	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Vancouver Canucks @ Philadelphia Flyers	none	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
Phoenix Coyotes @ Pittsburgh Penguins	none	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Nashville Predators @ St. Louis Blues	none	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
New Jersey Devils @ Minnesota Wild	none	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
San Jose Sharks @ Edmonton Oilers	none	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	
Anaheim Mighty Ducks @ Los Angeles Kings	Fox Sports	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	

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## Monarchs to Participate in Los Angeles Marathon

By JAYSON ADDCOX  
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Two Valley College students and a coach will participate in this year's Los Angeles Marathon Sunday.

Fernando Fernandez, assistant men's track and field coach and head coach of the women's team will run in his 14<sup>th</sup> marathon this year. "It's not bad once you get to the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> mile, your body goes into auto mode and you don't feel the pain," he said. Fernandez is a first year coach at Valley, and also coaches the cross-country team.

Students Damien Mendoza and Roberto Leonardo will also run. Mendoza is a redshirt on the track team who ran the marathon for the first time last year and clocked in at 2:46.

"I was running track last year and got injured after the marathon," he said. "But this

year I'm not running track so I've been training and concentrating on the marathon." Mendoza expects to do well.

Francois Wolman, coach of the cross-country and track and field team, has run the marathon seven times and said, "It was torture, I did a hundred mile bike ride the other day and it was easier."

This marks the 18 running of the City of Los Angeles Marathon, which the spirit and success of the 1984 Olympic games inspired.

Since the inaugural race in 1986, more than 300,000 runners and walkers have participated in the 26.2-mile race that runs through the heart of the city. It is the fourth largest marathon in the world, and has featured hundreds of world's greatest marathon runners.

## One More Shot



JESUS CARREÑO / VALLEY STAR

Valley Swim-Caitlin Nicolas in a freestyle event February 21.

## Alex for Three

### Valley's Go-To Guy Plays His Final Season

By BOB TEICHMANN  
SPORTS EDITOR

With a win at Canyons Saturday, the Monarchs Men's basketball team has a spot at the playoffs this week. Sophomore Alex Cabagnot is one of those guys now calling himself "Champion."

A native of Quizon City, Philippines, Alex has played basketball since his arrival in the U.S. at age six. Citing Michael Jordan as his idol growing up, Alex remembers trying to follow his lead.

"As far back as I can remember, every time I saw a basketball game on TV, Jordan was there," Alex explains. "It was just incredible to watch."

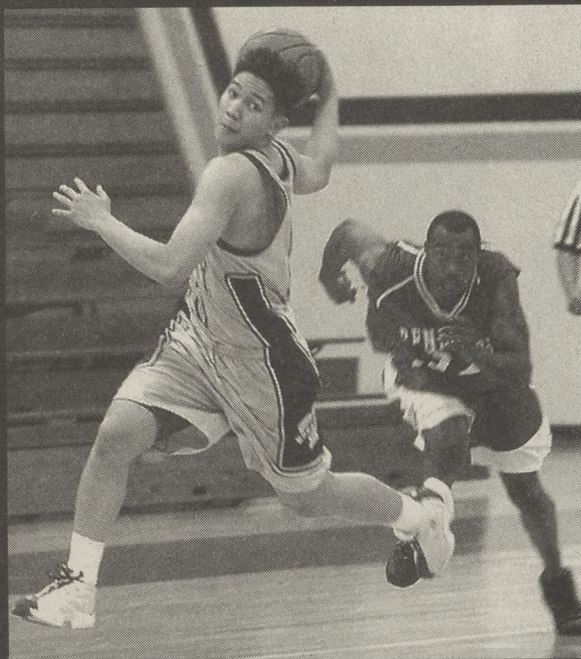
Like Jordan, the 20 year old intends to go to a four-year school and continue playing basketball at the university level. As in all university teams, long hours of intense practice come with the job.

"I actually like the long practices that we do here," he said. "I'd rather stay here, shoot around, and improve my game than go home and do nothing."

After each game, Alex goes home and watches the tape to spot his mistakes. When his off time comes he hangs out with his cousins, watches TV, plays videogames and does whatever it takes to help him unwind.

"When the season is over, I just want to relax for a couple weeks and avoid basketball for a while," he said. "I wouldn't mind a little more time with some friends and family."

After his long hours of work, Alex will get his chance. With any luck, his name will always be within earshot and perhaps the phrase "Alex for three..." will be there, too.



JESUS CARREÑO / VALLEY STAR

WSC PLAYOFFS Los Angeles Trade Tech ■ Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

Photo by Tammy Abbott

Bob Teichmann

an opinion

## Beginning of the End In the NBA

The last remnants of the greatest generation in the history of the NBA are slowly fading away. Some have already gone their own way and others are heading out the door after this season. But with all the talk about who will be the next "big thing," it seems that people don't notice the doors of history closing behind them... and all the greats on the other side.

Many of the younger fans these days don't care about who coined the phrase "...and one," just the fact that it sounds so great when it comes out of their worthless little mouths. They don't care that Michael Jordan won six championships, reinvented the slam dunk and made basketball an international sport, just the fact he's not as fast as their favorite 24 year old.

Professional sports are based on a history of people who set standards by which their games are played. Just because those standards are surpassed, and often raised, doesn't mean people should forget the history and the trend setters.

Some say today's talent could easily surpass their predecessors when they were at their prime, but the fact remains that they can never know. Frankly, I think they're pretty damn pompous and arrogant to think

they're just as good as Ms. Cleo when they try to tell me the past, present, and future.

When this basketball season is over, several of those men from the "greatest generation" in NBA history will retire — San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson and Washington Wizards guard Michael Jordan. These men are from a group of players that could argue, push and shove on the court, then follow it up by playing a round of golf the next day.

There are some players in the NBA today, some of which came straight from high school, who are nothing but thugs and bums with paychecks. If you know that you are being admired by millions of fans, why would you be so stupid as to let yourself get caught with drugs in your blood?

It's truly sad when people, who claim to love this game so much, couldn't care less about the history of the game and the players whose footsteps are followed. If not for those players, there would be no reason to go to Staples Center. If not for those players, there would be no love for the game. If not for those players, "...and one" would simply be "and one."



## GALLERY



## ART BENEFITING LIFE

LAYOUT/PHOTOS/TEXT BY SAMANTHA KUPPIG

**“D**irt Box”, a star-studded benefit concert and art extravaganza was held on Feb. 15, 2003 at Gotham Hall in Santa Monica. Event hosts X-position, DCA and The Santa Monica Film Festival donated the proceeds to cancer relief.

On hand to draw the throngs, below and to the left, were actors, musicians and painters.

Grammy Award winning Latin Rock group Ozomatli — at right, from left to right — percussionists Justin “Nino” Poree and Jiro Yamaguchi, guitarist and lead vocals Raul Pacheco, Asdru Sierra on trumpet and lead vocals, Wil-Dog Abers on bass and background vocals and Andy Mendoza on drums. Musically-gifted Umbalaye, above, features former Ozomatli member Jose “Crunchy”

Espinosa on tenor sax and lead vocals, John Avila, former bassist and producer of Oingo Boingo, Tony Austin on drums, Jared Meeker on guitar, Pablo Castorena on trombone and percussionist Pablo Limo. Both Latin rock bands brought down the house.

In between performances, the crowd mingled to the mix DJ Kidragon and X-position’s DJ Rock at leftmade.

Painter Micah Chambers-

Goldberg dazzled audiences in the gallery with his live art installment below.

X-position is a monthly event held at different venues around Los Angeles.

Hundreds of people joined in the festivities and helped raise money for people suffering from the terrible disease.

